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VISIBLE/NEAR-INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

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classification scheme but does not demonstrate that such a scheme would work. Furthermore, the schemes suggested by Kenet require additional analysis, either digital or morphological, not found in the instant claims. Finally, US Patent 5,836,872 assumes a priori knowledge of the relationship between pigmentation and lesion histology, an assumption not required in the present invention.

Claims 7 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) in view of Kenet and in view of Jackson et al., Richards-Kortum et al or Soller et al. It is believed that the above arguments overcome this objection as well.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Kenet et al further in view of Haaland. It is believed that the above arguments overcome this objection as well.

Further and more favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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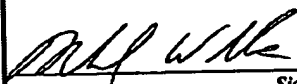
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